

I AM NAVY MEDICINE: HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 3RD CLASS EMMA NOLAN

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“I am Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Emma Nolan, assigned to Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton.”

Nolan, from Lowell, Ore., graduated from Lowell Junior/Senior High School in 2014 and became a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in 2017 at Pioneer Pacific College, Springfield, Ore. She joined the Navy shortly after earning her LPN.

“I have always wanted to be in the medical field,” said Nolan. “My grandma, who I am very close with, was a registered nurse and I took after her kind and loving nature. I got my LPN just after I turned 20. At one of my clinical rotations in school, I worked at a free medical clinic for men, women, and children who have no insurance or limited income.”

During her time at the clinic, Nolan explained that she met a retired Navy lieutenant commander.



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Emma Nolan poses for a photo in the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton's pharmacy Jan. 21,

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“He told me about all the fun things he was able to do within the Navy and where he has gone and it sparked my interest,” said Nolan. “I decided to head over to the recruiters office and ask what they could for me and how I can be a part of serving my country.”

Nolan is serving as an outpatient and inpatient pharmacy technician at NMRTC Bremerton.

NMRTC Bremerton is Nolan's first duty station and she described her time at the command as being all-inclusive.

"I enjoy being here at NMRTC Bremerton," said Nolan. "I love living in the Pacific Northwest and being able to explore all that it has to offer. I like that NMRTC Bremerton is a small, tight-knit command that offers a lot of different opportunities for their Sailors to get involved within the hospital and outside of it."

When asked what has been the best part about her career in Navy Medicine Nolan replied, "I enjoy learning things I would have never known before the Navy. I have learned a lot about pharmacy which will further help me down the road in my long-term goals. I have also enjoyed all the different people I have met and being able to hear stories of their time in Navy Medicine."

Nolan described working as a pharmacy technician as a vital role in contributing towards the Navy surgeon general's priority on operational readiness.

"My duty as a pharmacy technician ensures that all personnel have their proper medications before deployment, remaining in line with and working towards the mission of the hospital, and providing medications that keep active duty Sailors healthy, fit for duty, and worldwide deployable."

When asked to sum up her experience with Navy Medicine Nolan said, "My experience with Navy Medicine has been eye opening. From numerous to never-ending possibilities that I have been fortunate to be a part of, to traveling to new places, meeting and working alongside amazing people, and knowing that I am serving my country, the men, women and children next to me, while being able to call myself a Navy Sailor."